THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Dungri is a 'E' category station. All the amenities as per laid down norms for minimum essential amenities are available at this station.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Private participation in dedicated freight corridor

3169. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose not to include private participation in the Railways' Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Railway Hospitals

3170. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General, the hospitals of railways are not well equipped with adequate medical facilities, doctors and paramedical staff to treat patients in accidental and trauma cases;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in most of the railway hospitals even the rehearsal for sending medical treatment trains to the spots of accidents is also not being carried out on regular intervals;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the complete details of the measures proposed to be taken to provide necessary facilities and manpower in accidents and trauma centres in railway hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Mock-drills are being carried out regularly.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) At present all victims of Railway accident and other untoward incidences are shifted to nearest Railway Hospital, other Government Hospital and Private Hospitals. All the expenditure done in these hospitals are borne by Railway administration. To facilitate this, one data Bank of all hospitals close to main Railway tracks has been prepared and made available at various level. By this method we are able to provide medical treatment to Railway accident victims at the earliest.

Delhi-Pathankot-Dhauladhar Express

3171. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to run the Delhi-Pathankot-Dhauladhar Express daily instead of three days a week, as this is the only train between the two stations, starting from the terminating at Pathankot, thereby facilitating reservations for the passengers from areas of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh near Pathankot;

(b) if so, by when that is likely to be done; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Daily running of 4035/4036 Delhi-Pathankot Dhauladhar Express is not feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

Intercity Train in Bihar

†3172. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Bihar from Western Kosi Divisional Headquarters Saharsa to Patna only one Intercity train per-day is available which is not sufficient for the Kosi Division;

(b) whether it is also a fact that time-table of the Intercity service between Saharsa and Patna is not also proper according to which the Intercity after starting at 12 a.m. from Saharsa reaches Patna normally

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.